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Madison, Wisconsin -- Erik C. Peterson, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Concepcion Relerford, DOB 12/31/72, of Beloit, Wisconsin, pleaded guilty yesterday in U.S. District Court in Madison to possessing at least five grams of crack cocaine with intent to distribute.

Relerford and his co-defendant, Jabali Rucker, also of Beloit, and 21 other individuals were indicted on May 10, 2006, for their involvement in the distribution of narcotics in Rock County. Relerford is the second of these defendants to plead guilty.

U.S. District Judge John C. Shabaz scheduled sentencing for September 13, 2006. Relerford faces a mandatory minimum penalty of five years in prison and a maximum penalty of 40 years in prison, a \$2,000,000 fine, and at least four years of supervised release after the completion of his prison term. Relerford's prison term will be served without the possibility of parole.

The charges in this case were the result of an investigation conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Janesville Police Department, the Beloit Police Department, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the State Line Area Narcotics Team (SLANT), and the Wisconsin Department of Justice, Division of Criminal Investigations - Narcotics Bureau. Prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Paul W. Connell.